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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lawrence PAGE

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For: METHOD FOR NODE RANKING  
IN A LINKED DATABASE

Group Art Unit: 2771

Examiner: U. Le

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of June 12, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-15, 26, 27, and 29-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 18-25 and 28 as follows:

18. (Twice amended) A computer implemented method of [ranking] scoring a plurality of linked documents, comprising:

obtaining a plurality of [linked] documents, at least some of the documents being linked documents and at least some of the documents being linking documents, each of the linked documents being pointed to by a link in one or more of the linking documents;

[for each linked document pointed to by a link in one or more of the plurality of linked documents,] assigning a [rank] score to each of the linked [document that is dependent]